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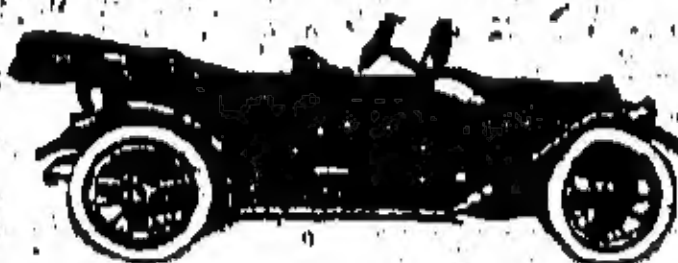
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GERMAN AFFAIRS.

THE SITUATION IN BERLIN.
London, December 8th.
The situation in Berlin is not clear, but apparently there are two movements, firstly, a Spartacus attempt to seize power, secondly, by the Soldiers against the Socialist Extremists.

BOLSHEVIST COUP IN BERLIN.

PARIS, December 8th.
A telegram from Zurich states that the Bolshevik coup d'etat in Berlin, planned by Herr Liebknecht and the Spartacus Group, failed pitifully.
The Government troops used their weapons, especially machine-guns, ruthlessly. Herr Liebknecht's forces, who were also armed with machine-guns and bombs, were utterly routed and fled in disorder, abandoning a great number of killed and wounded men. The loss among the Government troops were slight.

GERMAN MILITARY DEMONSTRATION IN MUNICH.

COPENHAGEN, December 8th.
A telegram from Berlin states that returned troops, headed by officers, with Imperial flags, demonstrated at Munich, demanding the convocation of the National Assembly.

BELGIANS OCCUPY NEUSS AND CREFFELD.

LONDON, December 8th.
A Belgian communiqué states that our cavalry division reached the Rhine and occupied Neuss and Creffeld. Our infantry reached a line from Wassenberg to Bani and Juckerath.

TRIAL OF THE EX-KAISER.

LYONS, December 7th.
The German Government has decided not to oppose the demand of the Entente that the ex-Kaiser, and the ex-Crown Prince shall be brought before an Inter Allied Court to answer the accusations formulated against them.

TROUBLE AT MAYENCE.

LYONS, December 7th.
A despatch from Zurich states that trouble has broken out at Mayence. Military stores have been looted and several casualties resulted.—French Wireless.

GRAVE DISORDERS AT COLOGNE.

LYONS, December 7th.
There have been grave disorders at Cologne.—French Wireless.

THE ARMISTICE.

HANDING OVER AEROPLANES.

LONDON, December 8th.
The surrender of 2,000 German aeroplanes is proceeding and it is expected that it will shortly be completed.

OUR PRISONERS RETURNING.

LONDON, December 8th.
Two thousand one hundred and ten officers, 66,694 of other ranks and 2,752 civilians, have been repatriated to Britain since the Armistice.

RETURN OF CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS.

LONDON, December 8th.
Three British cruisers and nine destroyers have returned to Copenhagen from the Baltic.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

DEFENCE OF A TWO YEARS' ADMINISTRATION.

LONDON, December 8th.
Mr. Lloyd George, in a speech devoted to the defence of a two-years' administration, referred to the hesitation, delay and nervousness of the Government at end of 1918.

There was no scramble for the chief place when the Government fell; all were anxious to pass it on to someone else.

He claimed that it is impossible for a business man's Government to be very successful.

He justified the side-show in the Balkans, Palestine and Mesopotamia. He declared that in the last two years there had been more fruitful and progressive legislation than any during the last half century.

MAINTENANCE OF ANGLO-AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING.

LONDON, December 8th.
Mr. Asquith, speaking at Rochdale, agreed to the Premier's recent declaration on the subject of repatriation.

He emphasized the significance of President Wilson's visit as marking a new orientation of world politics. A practical beginning of the League of Nations must be made before President Wilson returned.

The best security against the dangers besetting the Peace Conference was the maintenance of the Anglo-American understanding.

THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

BRITISH ENTER COLOGNE.

LONDON, December 8th.
Sir Douglas Haig reports that our advanced troops entered Cologne on the night of the 8th inst.

ESCORTING AMERICAN TROOPS.

WHAT IT COST IN IMPORTS.

LONDON, December 8th.
The Press Bureau states:—The Shipping Controller, interviewed, said that sixty per cent. of the American troops had been carried and escorted by British ships. To do this, every passenger steamer was removed from South Africa, with which the trade was practically killed. All fast-passenger steamers were removed from India and from Australia. Our consequent loss of essential imports exceeded a million tons. The Dominions bore the hardships of isolation uncomplainingly.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

PRELIMINARIES OPEN AT PARIS.

LYONS, December 8th.
The Echo de Paris states that the Inter-Allied Conference for framing the preliminaries of peace opens at Paris on December 12th, after the official reception of President Wilson and the King of Italy.

The French Council of Ministers has not yet decided upon a choice of French plenipotentiaries, but there is reason to believe that the names of the negotiators will include the most prominent members of the Government.

It is probable that the work of the Inter-Allied Government Conference will be finished on December 15th, after which the preliminaries, properly speaking, with the addition of the German plenipotentiaries, will commence.

Unless some unforeseen incident occurs the final conference will end towards the end of April or the beginning of May.—French Wireless.

PRESIDENT OF CZECHO-SLOVAK ARRIVES.

LYONS, December 7th.
The President of the Czecho-Slovak Republic, Mr. Thomas G. Masaryk, has arrived in Paris.—French Wireless.

RAILWAY COLLISION IN FRANCE.

PARIS, December 8th.
Sixty-eight were killed and 151 were injured owing to a collision between a leave train and another train at the station of Lohettes.

THE RUSSIAN CHARGE.

STOCKHOLM, December 8th.
The Swedish Government has recalled their Consul and Diplomatic Representatives from Russia, except two officials at the Legation, and have also withdrawn the privilege of dispatching and receiving couriers from M. Vorovsky, the Soviet Government's Representative at Stockholm, because he abused the privilege by importing Bolshevik literature from Russia.

The Government have suggested that M. Vorovsky and other Soviet members of the Legation should leave Sweden. The Swedes in Russia have been advised to return home.

BOMB HIDDEN BY GERMANS EXPLODES.

GHENT, December 8th.
Sparks from an engine caused a fire which exploded a bomb hidden by the Germans. Ten were killed and several injured. Considerable damage was caused.

THE SILVER MARKET.

The silver market is quiet.
LONDON, December 8th.
Messrs. Montague & Co.'s report states that there was no change in the tone of the market which shows no animation, and is expected to do so, until the licenses for export are freely granted.

EARLIER TELERANGS.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, December 8th.
Mr. Cecil Chesterton died while serving as a private in France.

Mr. Cecil Chesterton, the well-known English writer, has been editor of The Outlook since 1912. He entered journalism in 1901, writing first for The Outlook and afterwards for a number of journals and magazines. He was a member of the Executive of the Fabian Society in 1906-7, but soon abandoned Fabian Socialism and began to attack the Party System. In 1912 he became founder and editor of The New Witness, and created some sensation by a series of attacks on the Marconi Contract as a journalist, his energies were mainly devoted to the exposure of the corruption of party politics.

AUSTRIA'S FLIGHT.

COPENHAGEN, December 8th.
The Austrian food situation is even graver than that of Germany. Vienna is without coal. The railways and street lighting will soon be paralysed. Food supplies will not last beyond December 20.

JIMAH RUBBER ESTATES.

EFFECT OF INFLUENZA ON OUTPUT.

The eighth annual general meeting of the shareholders of Jimah Rubber Estates, Limited was held on November 23 at noon at the Registered Office of the Company, Chartered Bank Chambers, Singapore. Mr. A. S. Radley presided and others present were Mr. James Mr. Olymont, Mr. Ben. S. and Mr. O. R. S. Bateman (of Messrs. Galtley and Bateman, Secretaries).

On the motion of the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Olymont, the Directors' Report and accounts for the period ended 31st June were adopted.

In reviewing the year's work the Chairman said: In view of the uncertain outlook your Directors consider it wise to carry forward the available balance. If, later, circumstances warrant it they will consider the payment of an interim dividend.

In response to the appeal of the local association of rubber producers the Directors agreed to reduce the output and took the opportunity to rest old rubber whose bark renewal would be benefited by the resting. When the time comes for the next tapping, it is hoped that it can be done with the full vigour that in addition to having acted in accordance with the interests of the industry, the Company's principal asset has been improved in value.

Recently the output has been prejudicially affected by the influenza epidemic but this is now subsiding and it is believed that when full tapping is resumed the estate will give a good account of itself. Whether there is to be any compulsory restriction is still uncertain as is also the immediate future of the market.

It is the present desire and uncertainty have cleared, it is only prudent to husband our resources.

Considerable and useful work has been done in the way of cutting up, stacking and burning surplus timber and thinning out. Further work under these heads has still to be done and is being proceeded with as the present climate and weather of this work was done last year and money actually spent in this way rather than in being paid away in big dividends.

Shareholders will get the benefit later and in the meantime the property will have steadily improved in position and value. In addition timber clearing has reduced the white ant pest whilst diseases give very little trouble.

The Government of Negri Sembilan was not willing to make a road from the Jimah Estate to the Company's office at Seremban. The Government offered to bear the first \$10,000 of the cost of the road. In view of the acute depression in the rubber market and the uncertainty in the immediate future it was decided to postpone this considerable expenditure meantime.

Time is being taken to think that the Government should meet the Company more liberally than they propose to do over this road expenditure as it is more the duty of Government than of private concerns to construct main roads.

Owing to the difficulty of access to the estate it is not popular with labour which is one reason why it is undesirable to connect it up with Port Dickson by a good road. This would also reduce expenses, i.e. cost of production.

By error the figure of all-in-cost 1918-17 is shown in the report as 15 cents exclusive of Directors' Fees and War Taxation. This figure actually includes all taxes so should be compared with this year's all-in-cost including Taxes but excluding Directors' Fees of 32.70 cents. This shows an increase of 70 of a cent which is not unsatisfactory, seeing the rise in cost of all materials and the amount we have spent on Timber Clearing, Cultivation and Thinning Out. The three items named alone added practically 5 cents per lb. to the cost.

Strait Settlements War Tax, F.M.S. Super Tax and Export Duty cost as practically 4 cents a lb. but the first-named is not now levied on Companies paying the F.M.S. Super Tax and as a measure of relief to the industry, the two latter have recently been levied temporarily. Personally I would sooner see us getting a fair price for our rubber and paying our taxes, which is one reason why I consider it better in the interests of both the industry and Government that the former should be levied on a sound-paying basis than that it should continue to be levied on a precarious basis and be helped along by doling in the shape of loans and exemption from revenue taxation.

As before, all expenditure is charged against revenue, except additions to Buildings, Plant, Machinery, etc. (1917-18) and Furniture (\$2,042) totalling \$18,774. Against this we have written off \$2,324 for depreciation leaving a net addition to our fixed assets of \$16,450.

Thanks are due to the estate staff, the Visiting Agent and Mr. Olymont at Port Dickson for their services during the year. I believe that the property is now much improved from what it was a few years ago.

The Directors' remuneration was fixed at \$2,500, the same as last year on the motion of Leo Ben Scott.

Mr. D. D. Watts who was to retire as a director was unanimously re-elected on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Olymont.

Messrs. Ewell & Co. were re-elected auditors.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman on the motion of Mr. Olymont.

AN ASSAULTING CASE.

A Chinese, not charged with assaulting another Chinese with a bamboo pole.

The complainant failed to appear and the case was remanded until to-morrow, the police being of the opinion that the defendant was a vagrant.

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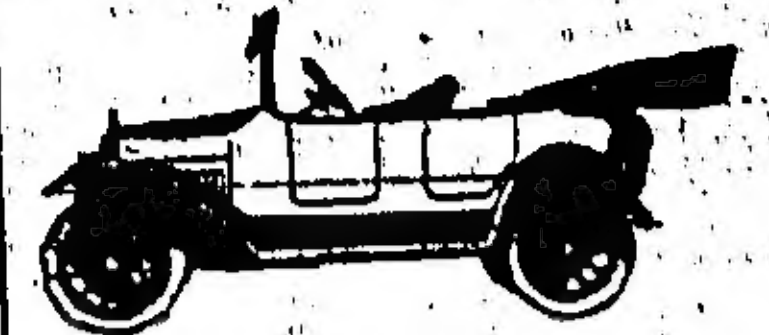
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FURTHER FINANCIAL AID TO BANK OF CHINA.

Yang Wing-tai, the Commissioner of Finance, has decided to raise more funds to assist the redemption of Bank of China notes. The public wharves along the Bund will be thrown open at auction and for sale to those desiring to purchase them. The whole proceeds of the sale will be about one hundred fifty thousand dollars and Commissioner Yang will take personal charge of the sale.

HAD THREE "CHILDREN" OVER 70.

"Granny" Webb, of Burwell, Cambridge, has died at the age of 100. She had 12 children, and of these there are three, aged 78, 76, 74, who are still living and drawing old age pensions. Her eldest son served 21 years in the Army, and seven of her grandsons and three great-grandsons are now serving in the Forces. Mrs. Webb had altogether 20 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

THE BEGGARS WEEKLY.

The "Cheer Min Beggars Weekly," edited by Wong Chen Min, is now in its twentieth issue. The paper says that it has now nearly five hundred beggars selling it every Sunday in Canton. The paper is given free to the beggars who sell as many copies as they can and keep the proceeds. Mr. Wong supports the publication by selling advertising space. Mr. Wong says he will make five hundred pieces of double-cotton cloth for the beggars selling his paper.

BERLIN DANCING REGULATIONS.

During the war only private dancing parties have been permitted in Berlin. These are now to be placed under strict police control and permits granted as rarely as possible. Permits will be withheld in all cases where there is pleasure in the object, and where the dance is a case of dissipation. The German Government will not permit a dance which is a case of dissipation. The German Government will not permit a dance which is a case of dissipation.

A THROW OF THE DICE.

At Stoverage, Here, where there is a great dearth of houses, a tradesman with a cottage to let, selected a score of business clients from among the applicants and invited them to throw off with the dice to decide who should become the new tenant.

PICKED UP.

A Chinese fisherman with a sloop was picked up by the Fazika on November 18th, 65 miles west of Make Head and handed over to the Penang Harbour Authorities. The man says he left Taipei, Amoy, to go fishing and to throw off with the dice to decide who should become the new tenant.

A JEW'S NATIONALITY.

Penalties amounting to £700, with 25s. costs, were imposed at Bow Street on Hy. Samuels, a company director, for procuring 7 companies to make incorrect returns in regard to his nationality and origin. In making his returns to the companies Samuels had described himself as of British origin on the ground that he had taken the oath of allegiance in Bechuanaland when that territory was declared to be a British Protectorate. The magistrate said Samuels' claim that he had no nationality had never been entertained by any civilised State.

HANKOW NOW HAS PRESIDENT WILSON STREET.

President Wilson Street is the name that has been given to Rue de la Banque-Bankovskaya, Hankow. The official ceremony took place at the intersection of the new road and the French and Russian Bunde and was attended by the American Consul-General, the Allied Consuls, the Commandant of the U.S. Gunboat Quira, the Presidents of the British and Japanese Municipal Councils and members of the French and Russian Municipal Council.

JAPAN WILL NOT RESTORE ENEMY PATENTS RIGHTS.

Regarding the enemy patent rights used by Japanese manufacturers during the war, it is stated semi-officially that the Japanese Government will not restore the measure after the restoration of peace and enable Japanese manufacturers to use German patents permanently. It is a new patent agreement is concluded it will be made valid only in the patent countries after war. However, in foreign countries where a similar measure is not taken, Japanese manufacturers may use a patent for a limited period.

GERMANS IN TIENTSIN.

Germans in Tientsin during the five days' peace celebrations were notified to remain in their houses unless urgent business called them outside. After 8 p.m. Germans found on the streets of any part of Tientsin were liable to arrest. This measure was taken by the Chinese police to prevent disturbances.

PRESENTATION TO SIR CHARLES ELIOT.

The Jewish community at Vladivostok has presented Sir Charles Eliot, British High Commissioner in Siberia, with an illuminated address on the occasion of the first anniversary of the proclamation by the British Government of the freedom of Palestine to the Jewish people.

CHINESE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The vacant lot adjoining the Temple of the Daughter of Heaven, North Homan Road, has been acquired by the Chinese Benevolent Society. The construction of a modern building for the society on the property will soon begin. The land belonged to the city during the Manchurian regime as a compound used by the yamen of outgoing Chinese envoys. After the revolution numerous public institutions attempted to acquire the property and had all been refused. Through the office of the Defence Commissioner, an application was made for the acquisition by the benevolent society with the Bureau of Liquidation of Government Properties of the Ministry of Finance recently and has been duly sanctioned.

VALUE OF FAR EAST TRADE.

It is becoming more fully realized by manufacturers, importers and exporters of America that now is an unusually good time to promote trade with the Far East. Says the "Business Chronicle" of Seattle: "It is now seemingly apparent to many that conditions imposed by war have least affected, in many trade respects, commercial relations with the Orient. There is also a growing realization that the Far East is in much better position in export and import business both as to volume and profit than in much time past, and that there are very good prospects for its future. There is growing up in America a better understanding of trade relations with the Far East, and also the Far East is beginning to realize that there is a measure of stability and profit in trade with America. The result is that the Far East is beginning to realize that there is a measure of stability and profit in trade with America. The result is that the Far East is beginning to realize that there is a measure of stability and profit in trade with America."

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THE MOTORING WORLD.

OVERLOOKING DIFFICULTIES.

The following is by Mr. W. E. Stewart,

President of the Stewart Auto School,

U. S.: "Trouble hunters are born, not

made." "I excluded a friend, as he watched

an experienced "trouble-hunter" find and

fix a defect which had baffled him for more

than two hours.

"Don't use any particular system," said

the repair man. "But I know the principle"

and I know how to diagnose the symptoms."

"But how do you know where to begin?"

"That's easy—in fact, the easiest part

of it is," he replied.

"You should notice the way the

engine stops. Is the engine gone dead,

as the switch had suddenly been opened,

the ignition system is at fault. If

it grows weaker for a few revolutions,

misses a few explosions and then stops,

particularly if it backfires when it stops,

the gasoline has given out and we start

at the gasoline tank and work

forward." He started the engine by way

of illustration and loosened a battery

wire to show the effect of ignition

failure. The engine stopped immediately,

as he has stated. He started it again

and removed the high-tension wire from

the distributor. The engine stopped the

same way.

"What other troubles could produce

the same effect?" was asked.

OTHER TROUBLES.

"Not a large number, but the most

common ones are defective induction

coil, loose interrupter wire or rotor of

interrupter loss on its shaft."

"How about a leaky distributor or

defective spark plugs?" asked my friend.

"That would make one or more

cylinders miss explosions, but the engine

would not stop. We were discussing

those troubles which would make the

whole ignition system give up at once."

He started the engine again and shut

off the gasoline at the tank. The engine

ran perfectly for a brief interval, then

weakened perceptibly, then stopped.

"This shows the effect of failure of

the gasoline supply," said the trouble-

hunter.

"But the engine didn't backfire at the

carburetor," exclaimed my friend.

"That is nothing unusual. If it does

pop back at the carburetor it is addi-

tional evidence of lack of gasoline."

"And where would you start looking

for trouble in such a case as this?"

STARTING AT THE TANK.

"At the gasoline tank. There might

be no gasoline—and this sometimes occurs

when you think you have plenty. The

fuel line, or more likely the strainer,

may be clogged. If it is a vacuum system

or a pressure system for feeding the

gasoline to the carburetor, there may

be any one of a list of troubles."

"And how would you trace it down,

assuming that the tank was full and the

valve open at the tank?"

"I should open the drain valve at the

carburetor to make sure that no gaso-

line arrived at the end. Then it would

be a matter of opening joints in between

to see where the trouble lay. By blow-

ing through the gasoline pipe, especially

by means of a tyre pump, a slight

obstruction is loosened, and the gasoline

starts flowing. In severe cases a wire

will be found necessary."

"And do you think that mere lay-

man can learn to find trouble?"

"Certainly," came the answer: "It's

merely a matter of understanding the

principles, plus a little experience and

the ability to reason."

"We thanked the man and went our

way. My friend thereupon determined

to know his car and now reports pro-

gress in his ability to find trouble. It is

coming slowly, but surely.

SCHOOL COURSES.

Certain of the schools for motoring

which have sprung up in all directions

grant what are described as "proficiency

certificates." Without suggesting that

these are not what they purport to be,

it is obvious that only a public authority

can adequately secure what is aimed at.

In regard to the school to which

reference has already been made, only

certificates of attendance are granted,

and these, of course, are valuable in so

far as they indicate the amount of

instruction which has been imparted to

the holders. At this particular school a

course of instruction used to include five

driving lessons, but this has been aban-

doned, and ten such lessons are now re-

commended as the minimum. In the

case of people who have some experience

of driving a little three or four years ago

it may be that fewer lessons are requir-

ed, but it would appear to be the irre-

ducible minimum in which novices can

acquire any sort of proficiency. The

war emergency course designed to give

the necessary preliminary training for

positions of national importance is divid-

ed into three stages. The understanding

of the mechanism of the motor-car is

emphasized in the first. The general prin-

ciples and construction of motor cars are

explained in the outset, and then follow

a detailed description of the engine, car-

buretor, ignition, accumulators, coils,

magneto, clutches, steering, and other

matters. The second stage, relation to

the car and manipulation of types (the

third is tuition in driving, which is

divided into three parts. The first being

driving on the road. The second is

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Of the ocean-going services radiating from Japan, the North American route still remains flagging while the Australian line has become dull. The Indian service offers no particular cargo inducements either on outward or inward trip.

The Marseilles and South American lines were once expected to "grow brisker." Owing, however, to an interference with the operation of the former service, as raised by the London freight conference, and the control of the freight market on the goods for South America for transshipment at Indian ports, as introduced by the Indian Government, the two services remain rather dull.

The home shipping market has reached the bottom of depression, in reality deeper than in a usual year. In spite of optimistic views taken in some quarters, the shipping market is generally expected to enter upon a serious crisis.

BAFFLING THE U-BOATS.

It is now generally recognized that there is no specific remedy for the submarine menace, but that ultimate success will be found in the collective effort of different methods of dealing with the problem. Of the utmost importance, of course, are satisfactory appliances for discovering the presence of the submarine, but very valuable also are satisfactory means for preventing the submarine from discovering its quarry.

In this latter category the Yarrow anti-submarine smoke system has been most favourably reported upon, and should take a high place.

Every seafarer, whether on business or pleasure, will be aware of the way in which another steamer makes its presence known by the long trail of smoke on the horizon before the ship itself or even her tallest mast is seen. This manifest sign of the whereabouts of a merchant steamer has been made use of by the German "U-boats" and submarines to a very large extent, as the published accounts and journals of their achievements attest. An example is furnished by Lieutenant Aust of the "Essex", who in his journal of proceedings says on one occasion: "We were at high tension wondering in what direction the first smoke-boat would appear." And, on another: "We were downcast over our bad luck in having to leave the main commercial lane when our look-out reported smoke four points on the port bow, and our ship immediately lived up."

By the use of the Yarrow appliance the smoke can be emitted through the sides of the ship, and thus by the elimination of the tell-tale black column, the range of visibility for the enemy is reduced. On a clear day the smoke from a steamer can be seen at a distance of over 17 miles, and the risk of its being observed from a submarine would only extend to an area of about 320 square miles. The danger was with the "anti-submarine smoke system" is reduced to about one-third. Clearly therefore there is a great advantage in using it, and already several merchant steamers have been fitted with the device.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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GERMAN AFFAIRS.

BOLSHEVIST OUTBREAK IN BERLIN.

COPENHAGEN, December 8th. There is no confirmation hitherto of the report of a Bolshevik outbreak in Berlin. On the contrary, a telegram received in Amsterdam from Berlin states that the German Government has been greatly strengthened by the accession of a number of Guard Regiments from the Front.

DISTURBANCES IN BERLIN.

A telegram from Berlin states that at a meeting of soldiers from the Front a soldier announced that the Executive Committee of the Berlin Soviet had been arrested.

A procession was thereupon organized and the crowd demonstrated before the Chancellery, demanding a Republic with Herr Ebert as the first President.

Herr Ebert was asked if he would agree to this. He replied that he must first confer with the Government. He denounced the arrest of the Committee and declared that the Government was not responsible therefore the Committee must be released immediately.

Subsequently the demonstrators did not disperse, and, so a later message reports, the soldiers burned machine-guns on them. General firing ensued in which it was killed and 15 wounded.

STREET FIGHTING.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th. German frontier reports state that the Bolshevik outbreak in Berlin is serious. Street fighting is proceeding, but there are no details.

HERE LIEBNECHT'S BOAST.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th. The Westphalian *Allgemeine Volks Zeitung* reports that Herr Liebnicht has declared that he has Berlin in his hands, and in a few days the people would be amazed at the happenings. A Bolshevik wave would run from Berlin to the Rhine, carrying everything before it.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th. The German National Assembly Elections are being held on January 11th.

ON THE VERGE OF FAMINE.

COPENHAGEN, December 8th. A German official Note states that Germany is on the verge of famine. The bread ration will not exceed 60 grammes daily after the middle of February.

ANOTHER REPUBLIC.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th. A meeting in Cologne decided to proclaim an independent republic in Rhineland and Westphalia.

THE EBERT GOVERNMENT.

COPENHAGEN, December 8th. A telegram from Berlin states that 4,000 officers and non-commissioned officers and men revolted on the establishment of a Corps for the upholding of the Ebert Government.

BAVARIAN DIST ELECTIONS.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th. A telegram from Munich states that the elections for the Bavarian Diet are being held on January 11th. All male and female subjects who are over 20 are allowed to vote. Any male or female Bavarian aged at least 25 can be elected.

SPARTACUS GROUP ACTIVE.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th. The Spartacus group has seized, at Essen, Krupp's organ, the *Westfälische Zeitung*.

DEATH OF GENERAL VON BULOW.

PARIS, December 8th. A telegram from Zurich states that General von Bulow, formerly commander in the Lens-Cambrai sector, is dead.

BRITISH LABOUR.

LONDON, December 7th. At a meeting in Glasgow, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that Labour must be the official Opposition to the Government, which could not be a Coalition but a stamp of reaction.

Mr. Robert Smillie said that if 300 Labourites were returned, they could invite the help of the Sinn Féiners.

THE RUSSIAN CHAOS.

ALLIED INVASION. COPENHAGEN, December 8th. Fearing an Allied invasion of Russia, the Bolsheviks are again murdering civilians, plundering and burning houses.

POLES OCCUPY BREST.

LITVSK. COPENHAGEN, December 8th. The Polish troops have occupied Brest-Litovsk, also the districts south of Lemberg, defeating the Ukrainians.

THE PREMIER'S POLICY.

LONDON, December 8th. Mr. Lloyd George in a statement of his policy, described the provisions for increasing production, the housing and other reconstruction problems. He emphasized that the mutual confidence of all classes was necessary to increase the output, and declared that capital shall not be plundered, and labour shall not be swayed.

TURKISH WARSHIPS SURRENDER.

LONDON, December 8th. The Admiralty announces that all the Turkish warships have been surrendered and have been interned at Constantinople.

The *Goeben* and four German submarines, and the Russian *Black Sea Fleet*, consisting of the *Dreadnought Volga* and six destroyers, have also been handed over to the Allies.

FINISH FLEET OCCUPY REVAL.

COPENHAGEN, December 8th. A *Reval Journal* correspondent at Petrograd states that the British Fleet has occupied Reval at the request of the Estonian Government, with a view to deterring the advance of the Bolsheviks who have committed innumerable crimes.

THE INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 8th. A statement was issued on December 8th stating that the Allied Conference will meet in London on December 11th. It will discuss the reconstruction of Europe and the future of the Ottoman Empire.

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COTTON STRIKE.

LONDON, December 7th. The efforts to prevent a cotton-strike in Lancashire failed and 100,000 will come out on strike to-day on the question of wages.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO VISIT PARIS.

LONDON, December 8th. A Havas message states:—The French Press hails with satisfaction President Wilson's message, and the generosity of his intentions concerning the reconstruction of the ravaged Provinces. President Wilson is coming to Paris for the purpose of supporting the principles of the spirit which the Allies had accepted, and to prevent Germany from translating them to her advantage. President Wilson's visit, it is believed, will tend to stiffen his attitude towards Germany.

DISORDER IN LEMBERG.

STOCKHOLM, December 8th. The Jewish Press Bureau states that so many Jews have been victims of the pogroms in Lemberg, it is impossible to estimate the number buried in the ruins of houses and synagogues.

INFLUENZA IN PARIS.

LONDON, December 8th. A Havas message states:—The influenza in Paris is noticeable in Paris and the provinces. Last week 184 deaths occurred of this disease in Paris and Lyons. Many fresh cases have occurred and the hospitals are full.

THE PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT.

LONDON, December 8th. An unsuccessful attempt was made to shoot the President, Senhor Bernardino Machado. (Senhor Machado was elected in 1915 and remains in office till 1919.)

BRITISH FLEET IN THE BALTIC.

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SOLDIERS' AND WORKERS' COUNCIL.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th. The *Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung* states that the British squadron under Admiral Sir Montagu Browning arrived at Wilhelmshaven on December 4th. Owing to fog it anchored in the Schilling roadstead. Admiral Browning sent a wireless message refusing to negotiate with the Soldiers' and Workers' Council.

"HERCULES" AT WILHELMSHAVEN.

COPENHAGEN, December 8th. The *Hercules* and a destroyer *Sitteln* have arrived at Wilhelmshaven.

MORE RUSSIAN MURDERS.

STOCKHOLM, December 7th. A telegram from Petrograd states that a terrorist Commission at Mohilev, alleging the discovery of a counter-revolutionary plot, murdered 14 persons, including Prince Eristoff and his two sisters, also Prince and Princess Sviatopolk Mirski.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

LONDON, December 8th. It is noteworthy that there is not a single Asquithian among those who were opposed at the nomination.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Hongkong Legislative Council will meet to-morrow at 12.30 p.m.

BUSINESS.

Financial Minutes. First reading of a Bill introduced An Ordinance to amend further the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

Using the twenty-four hours ending December 7th there was one case of enteric fever (Chinese), in the City of Victoria.

The Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, B.N., Hon. Treasurer of the Services Entertainment Fund, acknowledges with thanks, the following contributions to the Knox Diamond Fund:

E. Howard, £30.00
H. Hancock, £50.00
E. Ormiston, £50.00
W. A. Dowley, £50.00
Dr. F. Key, £100.00

A small fire occurred on Saturday afternoon at No. 15, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, the residence of Mr. C. K. Jelliffe of the Observatory. It originated in and was confined to the bathroom, the rest of which had to be taken off by the Fire Brigade before the fire was extinguished. Very little damage was done to the other portions of the house, except to rooms underneath the bathroom, which were drenched with water. The cause of the fire was an accumulation of gas in the bath gas pipes.

ILLINOIS HEADACHES.

CHICAGO, December 8th. The Illinois State Board of Health has issued a statement that the influenza epidemic in Chicago is still spreading.

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THE FOREIGN POWERS AND CHINA.

TEXT OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE.

We are indebted to Mr. E. Suzuki, Consul-General for Japan in Hongkong, for the following copy of the *Aide Memoire* recently presented to China by the Allied Representatives at Peking, and of two statements (translated) issued by the Japanese Foreign Ministry:—

THE AIDE MEMOIRE TO CHINA.

"It is with grave concern that the Governments of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States have witnessed the continued civil strife, which, during the past two years, has divided this country. This unhappy division has proved no less harmful to foreign interests than disastrous to the welfare of China itself. The consequent unrest has been an encouragement to the enemy, and during the supreme crisis of the war has hampered the effective co-operation of China with the Allies; and now that the crisis is past, and the nation look forward to the hope of effecting some organization of the world for the realization of peace and justice among its peoples, the division still prevailing in China makes their task more difficult.

"The associated Governments of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States have observed with hopefulness the steps already taken by the President of the Republic with a view to the settlement of the civil strife, and have been happy to believe that the attitude of the Southern leaders indicated no less desire on their part to arrive at an amicable adjustment of differences. These Governments have, therefore, taken occasion to express the sympathy and the hopefulness with which they regard these indications of a desire on the part of both the Peking Government and the leaders of the Southern party to set aside all considerations of merely personal sentiments and of legal technicalities, and, while carefully refraining from taking any step which might be an obstacle to peace, to seek for without delay, by frank conference some means of attaining a reconciliation upon a basis of devotion to the interest of the Chinese nation, such as are necessary to assure to China peace and unity within its borders.

"In taking occasion to express earnest sympathy with the efforts of both sides to achieve a solution of the difficulties that have hitherto divided their country, the Governments of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States desire to make clear that in so doing they have in contemplation no ulterior policy of intervention and no desire to control or influence the particular terms of adjustment, which must remain for the Chinese themselves to arrange. They desire only to lend what they can to the aspiration and efforts of both the parties for a reconciliation and a reunion, which will enable the Chinese nation to bear the more worthily its own traditions in its part in the reconstruction which the nations of the world are now hoping to attain."

STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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